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In re Application of:

TOMOYA KAMATA

Serial No. 09/881,486

Filing Date: 6/14/2001

For: Method For Driving Paper-Feeding
Stepping Motor In Thermal Printer

Examiner: Gabriel I. Garcia

Group Art Unit No. 2624

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Applicant filed the above-identified application on 6/14/2001, but has not yet received a first Office Action. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when a first Office Action is expected to issue on this application.


Respectfully submitted,


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Respectfully submitted,

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